

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

1. (Cancelled) A disposable filter, comprising:
 a filtering bag with an opening, said bag being made of a non-woven, synthetic material having filtering perforations, and
 a substantially flat, stretchable band extending along the periphery of said opening, facilitating the easy attachment and detachment of said bag within a liquid filtering apparatus.
2. (Cancelled) The filter as claimed in claim 1, wherein said filtering perforations are of a size between 70 to 80 microns.
3. (Cancelled) The filter as claimed in claim 1, wherein said filter has an air permeability as follows:
 for 1 mbar – $325 \text{ cm}^3/\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$;
 for 2 mbar – $510 \text{ cm}^3/\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$, and
 for 3 mbar – $850 \text{ cm}^3/\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$.
4. (Cancelled) The filter as claimed in claim 1, wherein said filter has a stretching strength of about 100.0 length and 60.5 width, and a bursting strength of about 80 lb/in^2 .
5. (Cancelled) The filter as claimed in claim 1, wherein said filter is made of polypropylene having a weight of about 51.2 g/m^2 .
6. (Cancelled) The filter as claimed in claim 1, wherein said stretchable band is of a substantially rectangular cross-section.
7. (Currently Amended) In a swimming pool cleaning apparatus including a framework having a peripheral recess for supporting a filter, [the improvement] comprising:

a disposable filter;

a filtering [beg] bag with an opening defined by a rim, said bag being made of a non-woven, synthetic material having filtering perforations[.]; and

a substantially flat, stretchable band extending along said rim of the opening, the band being sized to fit into said recess in a stretched state, facilitating the easy attachment and detachment of the bag on said framework.

8. (Previously Presented) The swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said filtering perforations are of a size between 70 to 80 microns.

9. (Previously Presented) The swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said filter has an air permeability as follows:

for 1 mbar – $325 \text{ cm}^3/\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$;

for 2 mbar – $510 \text{ cm}^3/\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$, and

for 3 mbar – $850 \text{ cm}^3/\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$.

10. (Currently Amended) The swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said filter has a stretching strength of about 100.0 lb/in^2 length and about 60.5 lb/in^2 width, and a bursting strength of about 80 lb/in^2 .

11. (Previously Presented) The swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said filter is made of polypropylene having a weight of about 51.2 g/m^2 .

12. (Previously Presented) The swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said stretchable band is of a substantially rectangular cross-section.

13. (Previously Presented) The swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the filter in its assembled state is slipped over said framework with a stretchable opening tightly surrounding and clinging to a recessed strip.

14. (New) In a swimming pool cleaning apparatus including a housing being open at its lower end and having an openable lid at its upper end, an impeller and a clean water outlet, comprising:

a base having at least one raw liquid opening and a recessed circumference;

a framework projecting from said base and being attached to said base within the area delimited by said recessed circumference; and

a filtering bag with an opening defined by a rim, said bag being made of a non-woven, synthetic material having filtering perforations and a substantially flat, stretchable band extending along the rim of the opening, the band being sized to fit into said recess in a stretched state, facilitating the easy attachment and detachment of said bag to the recessed circumference on said base.

15. (New) The swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein said framework is constituted by two parallelly disposed spaced-apart substantially U-shaped members.

16. (New) The swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 14, further comprising elongated clamps for fastening the bag into said framework.

17. (New) The filter as claimed in claim 14, wherein said filtering perforations are of a size between 70 to 80 microns.

18. (New) The filter as claimed in claim 14, wherein said filter is characterized by air permeability as follows:

for 1 mbar – $325 \text{ cm}^3/\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$;

for 2 mbar – $510 \text{ cm}^3/\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$; and

for 3 mbar – $850 \text{ cm}^3/\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$.

19. (New) The filter as claimed in claim 14, wherein said filter has a stretching strength of about 100.0 lb/in² in length lb/in² in and 60.5 width, and a bursting strength of about 80 lb/in².

20. (New) The filter as claimed in claim 14, wherein said filter is made of polypropylene having a weight of about 51.2g/m².

21. (New) In a swimming pool cleaning apparatus for jetting cleaned water derived from unclean water in the swimming pool back into the swimming pool including a housing being open at its lower end and having an openable lid at its upper end, an impeller, a disposable filter, and a clean water outlet, comprising:

a base having at least one raw liquid opening and a recessed circumference;

a framework projecting from said base and being attached to said base within the area delimited by said recessed circumference;

said disposable filter including a filtering bag through which the water from the swimming pool passes for transfer back into the swimming pool, said bag being provided with an opening defined by a rim, said bag being made of a non-woven, synthetic material having filtering perforations; and

a substantially flat, stretchable band extending along the rim of the opening, said band being sized to fit into said recess in a stretched state, facilitating the easy attachment and detachment of said bag to the recessed circumference on said base.

22. (New) The swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein said framework is constituted by two parallelly disposed spaced-apart substantially U-shaped members, and an elongated clamp for each said U-shaped member for fastening said bag into said framework for preventing dislodgement of said stretchable band from said recessed circumference.

23. (New) The swimming pool cleaning apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein said filtering bag is provided with a sleeve through which said stretchable band

extends for holding said filtering bag to fit around and cling closely to said recessed circumference.